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The meeting was called to order at 11.50 p.m.

Agenda item 127: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (*continued*) (A/C.5/65/L.31)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.31: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

1. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.31 was adopted.*

Agenda item 129: Programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 (*continued*) (A/C.5/65/L.36)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.36: Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

2. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.36 was adopted.*

Agenda item 143: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (*continued*) (A/C.5/65/18; A/C.5/65/L.35, L.50, L.51, L.52 and L.53)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.53: Cross-cutting issues

3. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.53 was adopted.*

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.50: Strengthening the capacity of the United Nations to manage and sustain peacekeeping operations

4. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.50 was adopted.*

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.51: Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

5. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.51 was adopted.*

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.35: Reformed procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

6. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.35 was adopted.*

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.52: Closed peacekeeping missions

7. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.52 was adopted.*

8. **Mr. Mangartz** (Germany) said that his delegation took the position that the draft resolution in no way changed the entitlement of Member States to the full amount of the cash balances available in the accounts of closed peacekeeping missions, including any amount that might not have been returned at the current time. That money remained owed to the Member States and must be returned to them.

Agenda item 144: Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (*continued*)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.32: Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

9. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.32 was adopted.*

Agenda item 145: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (*continued*) (A/C.5/65/L.38)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.38: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

10. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.38 was adopted.*

Agenda item 146: Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (*continued*) (A/C.5/65/L.39)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.39: Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

11. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.39 was adopted.*

Agenda items 147 and 148: Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (*continued*) (A/C.5/65/L.40)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.40: Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

12. **Ms. Van Buerle** (Secretary of the Committee) introduced an oral amendment to the draft resolution.

13. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.40, as orally amended, was adopted.*

Agenda item 150: Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (*continued*) (A/C.5/65/L.41)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.41: Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste

14. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.41 was adopted.*

Agenda item 151: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (*continued*) (A/C.5/65/L.33)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.33: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

15. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.33 was adopted.*

Agenda item 152: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (*continued*) (A/C.5/65/L.34)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.34: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

16. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.34 was adopted.*

Agenda item 153: Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (*continued*) (A/C.5/65/L.42)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.42: Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

17. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.42 was adopted.*

Agenda item 154: Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (*continued*) (A/C.5/65/L.43)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.43: Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

18. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.43 was adopted.*

Agenda item 155: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (*continued*) (A/C.5/65/L.44)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.44 Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

19. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.44 was adopted.*

Agenda item 156: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East (*continued*)

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (*continued*) (A/C.5/65/L.45)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.45: Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

20. *Draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.45 was adopted.*

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (*continued*) (A/C.5/65/L.37)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.37: Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

21. **Ms. Van Buerle** (Secretary of the Committee), recalling that the Committee had considered the draft resolution at its 40th meeting, held on 26 May 2011, introduced a number of oral amendments to the text.

22. **The Chair** informed the Committee that the representative of Israel had requested a single recorded vote on the fourth preambular paragraph and on paragraphs 4, 5 and 14 of the draft resolution.

23. **Mr. Yanouka** (Israel) said that his delegation would make a statement in explanation of position during the forthcoming plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

24. *At the request of the representative of Israel, a single recorded vote was taken on the fourth preambular paragraph and on paragraphs 4, 5 and 14 of the draft resolution.*

In favour:

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Emirates, United

Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Canada, Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tuvalu, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

25. *The fourth preambular paragraph and paragraphs 4, 5 and 14 of draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.37 were adopted by 71 votes to 3, with 51 abstentions.*

26. *A recorded vote was taken on the draft resolution as a whole, as orally amended.*

In favour:

Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Canada, Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Tuvalu.

27. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.37 as a whole, as orally amended, was adopted by 121 votes to 3, with 1 abstention.*

28. **Ms. Reich** (Hungary), speaking on behalf of the European Union, expressed concern at the lack of consensus on the draft resolution and at the politicization of the Fifth Committee's work. The European Union had abstained during the vote on the fourth preambular paragraph and paragraphs 4, 5 and 14 in the conviction that those paragraphs were inappropriate in a draft resolution pertaining to financing. The General Assembly had discussed the broader political aspects of the events concerned, including the incident at Qana, in April 1996, adopting resolution 50/22 C. The European Union had stated its opinion on those political aspects at that time. While it held that the deliberations of the Fifth Committee should be restricted to financial issues, it had nevertheless voted in favour of the draft resolution as a whole, in order to provide the necessary financing for UNIFIL.

Agenda item 157: Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (*continued*) (A/C.5/65/L.46)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.46: Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan

29. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.46 was adopted.*

Agenda item 158: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (*continued*) (A/C.5/65/L.47)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.47: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

30. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.47 was adopted.*

Agenda item 159: Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (*continued*) (A/C.5/65/L.48)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.48: Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

31. **Ms. Van Buerle** (Secretary of the Committee) introduced oral amendments to the text of the draft resolution.

32. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.48, as orally amended, was adopted.*

Agenda item 160: Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) (*continued*) (A/C.5/65/L.49)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.49: Financing of support of the African Union Mission in Somalia

33. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.49 was adopted.*

Completion of the work of the Fifth Committee at the second part of the resumed sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly

34. After an exchange of courtesies in which **Mr. Kos** (European Union); **Mr. Di Luca** (Argentina), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; **Mr. Ballantyne** (New Zealand), speaking also on behalf of Australia and Canada; **Mr. Coffi** (Côte d'Ivoire); **Mr. Seyoum** (Eritrea); **Mr. Laguna** (Mexico); **Mr. Soomro** (Pakistan) and **Mr. Kisoka** (United Republic of Tanzania) took part, the Chairman declared that the Fifth Committee had completed its work at the second part of the resumed sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

The meeting rose at 1.35 a.m. on Friday, 1 July 2011.